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- 1. IN ADDITION TO GOOD REASONS HAVING TO DO WITH ORDERLY PROCEDURE, EFFECTIVENESS OF DELEGATIONS, AVOIDANCE OF ADVERSE PUBLICITY, AND ECONOMY WHICH NO DOUBT PROMPTED THE NEW INSTRUCTIONS, THERE IS YET ANOTHER REASON WHY IT IS SO DESIRABLE TO KEEP THE SIZE OF US DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES TO A MINIMUM; AND THAT REASON MAY NOT BE QUITE SO APPARENT IN WASHINGTON.
- 2. LET US SAY A DELEGATE WHOSE MAIN PURPOSE OF ATTENDANCE IS JUST TO BE THERE AND WHO REALLY DOESN'T HAVE MUCH TO DO AT A PARTICULAR CONFERENCE OR IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS, IS DISPATCHED ON US GOVT ORDERS TO THE CAPITAL OF GRAUSTARK. HE SAYS TO HIMSELF, "NOW THAT I AM IN GRAUSTARK, WHY NOT ALSO DROP IN ON ILLYRIA AND SINCE IT ISN'T SO FAR, ALSO HAVE A LOOK AT CAPPADOCIA, AND ARRANGE TO VISIT SYLVANIA ON THE WAY BACK?"
- 3. DOES HE THEN GO TO A TRAVEL AGENCY TO ARRANGE THOSE SIDE TRIPS AND STOPOVERS? NOT ON YOUR LIFE. HE CONCOCTS A MESSAGE ALLEGING THAT HE HAS LEGITIMATE BUSINESS IN ALL THE ADDITIONAL PLACES AND BECOMES A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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